



Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

Pres. - John Gettinger

V. Pres. – Dave Hacker

Treasurer – Robert Shepard

Secretary – Dale Brier

September 11, 2013 1:00 pm

Covered Bridge Restaurant

5787 North Main Street

Cayuga, IN 47928

Attendance

Voting Members Present:

Allen County – Ron Zartman
Carroll County - George Mears
Fountain County - Bob Shepherd
Huntington County - Dave Hacker
Knox County - Rama Sobhani
Miami County - Kenneth Einselen
Parke County – Penny Cox
Posey County - Ralph Weinzapfel
Sullivan County - John Gettinger
Tippecanoe County – Rae Schnapp (alt.)
Vermillion County - Larry Southard
Vigo County - Kara Kish
Wabash County - Mike Beauchamp
Warren County - Steve Eberly
DNR - Dale Brier (alternate)

Non-Voting Members Present:

Leanne Whitesell - IDEM
Bill Smith - INDOT

Guests:

Phil Cox – Parke County
Keith Poole – Wabash County
Jack Fenoglio - NeCDRA
Margot Fenoglio
Mia Partlow - WTIU
Marianne Woodruff – WTIU
Kristy Jerrell – Jerrell Consulting
Brendan Kearns – Healthy Rivers Initiative

Voting Members Absent:

Adams County - Ryan Noblitt
Cass County- Arin Shaver
Gibson County - Bill Knowles
Wells County - Scott Elzey

Counties not participating

Jay County

Meeting minutes

Call to Order, Introductions, Announce Proxies, Open Agenda

John Gettinger called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. Everyone introduced themselves and Dale Brier read the proxies. Bill Knowles gave his proxy to Ralph Weinzapfel and Ryan Noblitt gave his proxy to the president.

Two items were added to the agenda under new business, a Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI) funding request and a Boy Scout Funding request.

Comments from Visitors or Guests

Jack Fenoglio gave a presentation and history of the Newport Chemical Depot Reuse Authority. A large map and handouts showed the future of this large tract of land.

Kristy Jerrell introduced herself and offered her services as a grant writer to those looking to apply for grant funds of any kind.

Review and Approval of July 10, 2013 Minutes

Larry Southard motioned to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Ken Einselen. Motion passed.

President's Report

John Gettinger reported he continues to help with the youth river trips in Parke, Vermillion and Sullivan Counties. He attended the opening of the Water Mark art project in Terre Haute, a project the WRHCC helped fund.

Finance Report (Dale Brier)

Dale Brier had a handout with the current revenue and expenses from the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund (WRHCF) (see attached). The 9/4/13 balance of the WRHCF is \$414,568. Some of the grant projects have had funding encumbered so the money is no longer showing in the balance.

Committee Reports

Executive – no report

Budget – no report

Grants – Kara Kish gave a report on the results from WRHCC survey. Public Access and Trails were the top categories for projects. She also said the grant rating would be different; each category would not be separate. She and the grants committee will continue working on priorities and criteria for the next meeting. The grant manual will need to be complete by early summer of 2014 for the next grant round.

The group also discussed the pros and cons of fewer large grants vs. more small grants.

Legislative – no report

Water Trail – no report

Banks of the Wabash – Ken E. reported the July meeting had been cancelled. The next meeting will be at the Beef House Restaurant on 9/18/13.

Old Business

WTIU video project funding – After brief discussion and a few questions to Mia Partlow and Marianne Woodruff a motion to fund the WTIU video for \$6000 was made by Mike Beauchamp and seconded by Bob Shepherd. The motion passed unanimously.

Art Spaces sculpture funding – Kara Kish made a motion to fund the Paul Dresser art project at Fairbanks Landing Park in Terre Haute, Ron Zartman seconded the motion. The group had a discussion about spending more sponsorship money in a county and park that had recently received WRHCF funds. The Commission also discussed setting some rules and criteria for sponsorship projects in the future. It was decided that topic would be brought up at future meetings. The motion passed with 13 for and 2 against.

River Currents: Next edition article submission deadline – John asked everyone to submit articles.

Sign programs – Ken Einselen and Bill Smith have spent a lot of time working on Wabash signs. Bill had some drafts of signs that are closer to what would be best for the WRHCC and INDOT. River Roads will have to be designated by local governments before the route can be used and the signs put up. Some counties have already done this, but many have not. The Commission agreed to continue to let Ken and Bill work on this. If anyone is interested in serving on the sign committee, contact Ken.

River cleanups – Dale read a letter from the Wabash River Defenders. The letter was thanking the WRHCC for the sponsorship funding. Mike Beauchamp played a short video about the Wabash River Defenders and talked about their recent clean up. Dave Hacker mentioned the cleanup that happened in Huntington on the same day where they collected 5 tons of trash. Rae Schnapp mentioned the new date for the DeTrash the Wabash Tippecanoe County. It will be Saturday October 26.

2014 appointments – Dale Brier had a sample letter that will be going out soon to the counties to ask for Commissioners for 2 year terms.

2014 Retreat – The regular date in March for the retreat has a conflict with the INDOT/Purdue Road School. Dale will send an email to the WRHCC asking if we should meet March 4 and 5, or March 18 and 19.

New Business

Master Plan discussion – postponed due to time.

HRI funding request – Brendan Kearns asked for \$1000 for a display and artwork to promote the state Healthy Rivers Initiative in multiple counties in the Wabash River corridor. John Gettinger asked if it was just a display board he needed, the WRHCC has one that is not currently being used. Brendan said the money was for a display and professional artwork. Dale thought that DNR Communications should be able to do that. Dale will look into the needs of the display and report back at the next meeting.

Scouts request – Dave Hacker brought in a request from Boy Scout troop #637. The \$500 requested would cover the cost for the scouts to install the river road signs in Huntington County and cover the maintenance for three years. Dave explained that this was a better option than having the county put them in and it has been approved at that level. Dale asked if the maintenance was a onetime cost or if there would be another request in three years. Dave will find out for the next meeting.

Announcements & General Reminders/Discussion

Kara Kish mentioned that the grant committee will have a tele conference soon.

Ron Zartman said Sol Fest would be the first weekend in May, 2014 in Fort Wayne.

Rae Schnapp reminded everyone that the Feast of the Hunters Moon will be October 5&6 in Tippecanoe County. The event is held right on the Wabash River at Fort Ouiatenon.

Dale Brier told all members that travel forms can be signed right after the meeting for those that need travel reimbursement.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2013 1:00 p.m.
Tippecanoe County - Big Four Depot in Lafayette

48686 Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund

FY14 as of 9-4-13

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
431401	AD - Oil and Gas royalty along		36,614.55
510101	Payroll Salaries & Wages	\$1,065.28	
516003	Payroll Social Security	\$74.41	
517003	Payroll Perf St Pd Em COntr	\$31.96	
517005	Payroll PERF State Share	\$119.32	
518105	Anthem CDHP1	\$83.28	
518151	Anthem Trad 2	\$77.37	
518606	Payroll Life Insurance	\$1.46	
518798	Payroll Delta Dental Trad	\$8.07	
518800	Anthem Vision	\$0.83	
518901	Payroll Employee Assistance	\$0.19	
519006	Payroll Long Term Disability	\$18.93	
519503	Payroll Def Comp - StateMatch	\$8.25	
519721	Payroll Health Savings Acct 1	\$7.37	
541002	Mot Veh Ex - Gasoline	\$54.27	
591024	NonRealEstRnt-Vehicle Rentals	\$29.69	
595110	InState Travel - Mileage	\$1,048.08	
595120	InState Travel - Per Diem&Meal	\$78.00	
595130	InState Travel - Lodging	\$216.35	
599116	AdmOp-Event Sponsor	\$1,000.00	
659410	Postage	\$55.68	

Total FY14 Expense To Date: \$3,978.79

Fund Balance:	
	6/30/2013 613,854
FY14 revenues	36,615
FY14 Expenses	3,979
FY14 Encumbrances	231,922
balance as of 9/4/2013	414,568

DNR payroll	\$1,496.72
travel costs	\$1,426.39
sponsorships	\$1,000.00
operating	\$55.68
Total	\$3,978.79